



EL RANCHO UNIFIED SCHOOL DISTRICT BOARD HIGHLIGHTS

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The following summary identifies the information presented and/or the actions taken at the **October 10, 2013** meeting of the El Rancho Unified School District Board of Education.

- Ms. Alvidrez, Board President, presided over a ceremony where the Board of Education returned the Congressional Medal of Honor and portrait of Private First Class Eugene A. Obregon to the Obregon family. A Marine Color Guard directed by Mr. Archuleta, Los Angeles County Commissioner of Military and Veteran's Affairs, presented Colors. Mr. Lugo talked about the past Medal of Honor recipients. Mr. Archuleta read the Citation for the Medal of Honor that was given by President Harry Truman. Ms. Alvidrez formally presented the Medal of Honor and the portrait of Eugene A. Obregon to a Marine who formally accepted the Medal of Honor and portrait which were then presented to the Obregon family. Many World War II and Korean veterans were in attendance and recognized. Video from this ceremony will also be part of a documentary about Hispanic soldiers who have received the Congressional Medal of Honor recognizing their contributions to our nation.
- Aubriana Flores, ASB Spokesperson for Salazar High School, presented a detailed and comprehensive listing of the past and current happenings at Salazar High.
- Five students and their parents were recognized for the student's accomplishment of receiving a perfect score on the California Standards Test. Principals from the school sites joined the students and their families in this recognition. At each Board meeting for this school year, groups of students will be recognized for this outstanding accomplishment.
- Teachers, students and support staff attended the Board meeting as Rey Reyes, principal at Ruben Salazar High School, provided a video presentation featuring the students, teachers and programs that have earned Ruben Salazar High School the distinction of being a State of California Model Continuation High School. They were one of 20 schools statewide that received this honor in 2011.
- The Board adopted a Resolution honoring the Pico Rivera Friends of the Library on occasion of the Eighth Annual National Friends of the Library Week, October 20 – 26, 2013. Representatives from the Friends of the Library accepted the Resolution and recognition on behalf of the library.
- Roxane Fuentes, Assistant Superintendent, Educational Services, and Leticia Covarrubias, Chief Business Officer, made a presentation on the Local Control Funding Formula and Local Control Accountability Plan. The overall premise of the Local Control Funding Formula is to improve and increase student programming and support services aligned with the State priorities. Stakeholder involvement is expected in the development of the plan in order to meet established annual achievement goals. Once additional information is available from the state, a timeline for these stakeholder conversations and input sessions will be established.

- **OFFICE OF THE SUPERINTENDENT**

- The Board adopted Resolution No. 10-2013/2014 in support of Character Counts! – Red Ribbon Week which will be observed during the week of October 20-26, 2013. This joint campaign encourages citizens to strive for good character at all times and participate in drug awareness activities, making a visible statement that we are strongly committed to live a drug-free, healthy life.

- **DIVISION OF STUDENT SERVICES**

- A Memorandum of Understanding was approved between the El Rancho Unified School District and the Children's Defense Fund (CDF) and The School Superintendents Association (AASA), to work on activities to enroll uninsured children in health coverage. This memorandum will be in effect October 1, 2013 through June 1, 2016. Any costs encumbered by the District while fulfilling its obligations to CDF/AASA will be reimbursed through mini-grants from CDF/AASA. In addition, the El Rancho Unified School District will be eligible to receive \$30,000 per year for three years as an incentive for this MOU.

- **DIVISION OF EDUCATIONAL SERVICES**

- Attendance was approved for three (3) certificated staff members from Ruben Salazar High School to the UCLA Center X Writing Project "With Different Eyes" conference for teachers of English Learners at the UCLA campus on Saturday, November 9, 2013.
- The Board approved the attendance for 60 parents from the El Rancho Unified School District to the Hispanic Outreach Taskforce 13th Annual Parent Education Conference at Whittier College on Saturday, October 5, 2013.
- Approval was given for the consultant agreement with Soren Bennick Productions for two (2) anti-bullying message "Power of One" assemblies for Rio Vista Elementary that align with the school's vision. The Board asked that funding for this agreement be funded by the Safe Schools and Healthy Students Grant if funds were available.

- **DIVISION OF BUSINESS SERVICES**

- Approved a consulting and implementation agreement between the El Rancho Unified School District and DRG Intelligent Computer Concepts (ICC) to provide technology consulting, project planning, implementation, management and training services to El Rancho Unified School District. This consulting and implementation agreement shall be effective until December, 2013 at a cost not to exceed \$78,000.00, payable from Measure "A" General Obligation Bond Funds.
- The Board approved a joint recreational facilities agreement between El Rancho Unified School District and the City of Pico Rivera to offer recreational programs and services to students, residents and authorized users. This is a historical agreement between the two entities to fully partner for the benefit of our students, district, school community and city.
- The Board approved an agreement between ERUSD and Grand G & G Inc. to provide vending services for snack and beverage items at Burke Middle School, North Park Middle School, Rivera Middle School and El Rancho High School for a period of twelve (12) months with an option to renew annually. There is no cost to the District under this agreement.

- **DIVISION OF BUSINESS SERVICES** (continued)

- The Board authorized the issuance and sale of El Rancho Unified School District General Obligation Refunding Bonds, Series 2013 in an aggregate principal amount not to exceed \$6,300,000.00. The refunding of these bonds would provide additional savings to taxpayers over the current life of the bond.
- The Board authorized the issuance and sale of El Rancho Unified School District General Obligation Bonds, Election of 2010, Series 2013B, in an aggregate principal amount not to exceed \$3,000,000.00. The issuance of these bonds will provide the needed funds necessary to move forward on District facilities projects that will be identified in the Facilities Master Plan once it is completed.

- **DIVISION OF HUMAN RESOURCES**

- Authorized and ratified extra-duty, extra-pay assignments for the 2013-2014 school year.
- The Board approved (30) master teacher stipends for master teachers for Speech and Language Pathologist, Psychologist, Elementary Teachers and Secondary Teachers.
- Approval was given for a total of six (6) Safe School and Violence Prevention Officers at North Park Middle, Rivera Middle, Salazar Continuation High School and El Rancho High School.